

## Continuum of Care: Workgroup Meeting Minutes

Meeting Title	Date	Time	Location
Fiscal Workgroup	12/4/2012	10 am to 3 pm	OB 9, Rm 1804

### ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Role	Name
Facilitators	Debra Williams, Co-Chair/Doug Johnson, Co-Chair
Logistics/Scribe	Nina Dyba, CDSS
Technology Professionals	Adrian McIntosh/Kelli Walker

### ATTENDEES

X	Name	X	Name
X	Rebekah Best, CDSS	X	Casey Blake, San Francisco CFS
	Sharon Blakeman, CDSS	X	Diana Boyer, CWDA
	Fran Bremer, CDSS	X	Laurie Burkholder, CDSS
	Caroline Caton, CDSS	X	Dana Delmastro, CDSS
X	Shelton Dent, DDS		Susan Diedrich, CDSS
	Cora Dixon, CDSS	X	Sheilah Dupuy, CDSS
X	Linda Hall, CDSS		Paula Ensele, CDSS
X	Romelia Fontamillas, DSS		Josef Gray, EMQ Family Services
	Eric Harper, Legislative Analyser's Office		Gayle Hermann, Shasta County Probation
	Roz Hyde, CDSS	X	Doug Johnson, The Alliance for Children and Family
	Kasi Jones, EMQ	X	Cheryl King, CDSS
X	Nancy Littlefield, CDSS		Lyn Maschmeyer, CDSS
	Dave Mitchel, LA County Probation		Diana Nicolaou, DDS
	Didi Okamoto, CDSS		Jolie Onodera, Senate Appropriations Committee
X	Marie Ary		Loretta Perez, CDSS
X	Fanita Polk-Reaves, CDSS		Janelle Prasad, Foster Youth
	Angela Dow	X	Chris Reefe, Assembly Human Services Committee
	Angela Reyes, Foster Youth		Donna Richardson, CDSS
X	Vincent Richardson, CDSS		Jackie Rutheiser, CA Alliance of Child & Fam. Services
	Debra Samples, US/DHHS/ACFR9		Angie Schwartz, The Alliance for Children's Rights
	Ray Thomas, CDSS	X	Jennifer Troia, Senate Budget Committee
X	Brenda Usher, CDSS	X	Angela Valdez, CDSS
	Jason Wade, EMQ		Kathy Watkins, San Bernardino County
X	Adrian McIntosh	X	Debra Williams, CDSS

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X	Bonnie Yamamoto, CDSS		Kaylyn Askew, Foster Youth
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	Brian Winfield, DDS	X	Kelli Walker, CDSS
X	Gail Gronert, Assembly Speaker	X	Karen Ullman, Public Health
	Ricardo Ramirez		Deanne Pearn

### AGENDA

	Agenda Item	Presenter	Time
1	Welcome & Introductions (review of Agenda)	Debra Williams	15 min
2	RBS Funding Discussion	Doug Johnson	30 min
3	ITFC/MTFC Discussion	Debra and Doug	30 min
4	ITFC/MTFC FFA Panel Discussion	FFA Panel	1 hour
5	FFA Panel Discussion	FFA Panel	2 Hours
6	Sub-Workgroup discussion and sign ups	ALL	35 min
7	Next Steps	Debra	15 mins

### MEETING MINUTES FROM 12/4/2012 MEETING:

- Welcome and introductions—Roll Call
- Review of packet materials, discussed meeting minutes and reviewed agenda
- Advised group of the timeline for implementation of this reform and the urgent need to come up with a written plan of the funding structure for the reform project
- Discussed the need for subgroups and their purpose, advised these subgroups would be formed at the end of the meeting and will report out at the December 18<sup>th</sup> meeting

#### RBS Discussion—Doug Johnson:

- Discussed RBS only costs
- Advised the discussion while has some program aspects is focused on the fiscal portion, just the simple numbers
- Described the activity that is being used in the pilot program and how the data is being gathered and the numbers should be available soon to the group
- Discussed the program data and the success it has had

#### ITFC/MTFC Discussion—FFA Panel Members

- Reviewed documents provided in the packet
- Discussed the difference between the FFA's options of being a licensed ITFC/MTFC foster home only; or have varying licensed programs, which is the way most FFA's are operating now
- Reviewed and discussed the survey data provided
- Discussed the impact of Katie A. and the settlement process in terms of what funding streams would be available and how to tap into mental health funding in this interim phase
- Discussed if we could access mental health funding under Katie A. it would allow more services to assist the reform process

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- Will not know the full funding streams until Katie A is fully settled and implementation is occurring
- Discussed SB 1380 implementation
- FFA's are utilizing an intensive care and supervision model (using the term therapeutic foster care (TFC) to encompass all options available)
- Using TFC as an alternative to group care altogether
- These kids have very pronounced needs—high level of behavioral issues, or emotional issues
- The kids require foster parents that have intensive training to deal with the issues to keep them in stabilized placements
- In counties that are successful in meeting the needs of the child AND the family, they are taking the rate and utilizing additional funding sources (EPSDT, County CWS funding, and SB 163 WRAP funding) to ensure the child has the services they need. They need to pay the foster parent at least \$100 a day to cover the basic and emotional needs of the child
- A lot of costs are involved with training and finding good foster family homes for these children (about \$14,000 per family) and retention is difficult not due to families leaving, but due to them providing permanency.
- Not all families are right for each child, the assessment and training are key to success for the child and the family
- FFA's need to ensure the family has the resources available to meet the needs of the child
- **When building the model, need to look at flexibility, accountability, and provide oversight while giving the Counties the ability to adjust to their County needs.**
- In order to move children to family type placements from Congregate care, you need to building support for the family (including Kin and Bio Family) this will also assist in permanence
- Counties are struggling with a model, because it is inconsistent across the Counties (TFC)
- There needs to be a standard MOU process and direction on how many children qualify and what kinds of children qualify
- It is hard to train and recruit families from the current base, because evidence informed practices are expensive and they have stable placements and not all families are right for providing TFC
- **Transition and after care are major problems especially with the bio family. "We need to provide the same services and supports to bio and kin families that we do for adoptive families, but the current funding does not allow that."**
- SB 1013 changed the rate structure—no more clothing allowance and a 10% cut still affecting operations
- Discussed attached handout that breaks out the rates
- Model needs to allow for County diversity, but also be standardized
- Need to have accountability in the process and oversight
- Difficult to keep social workers with the current regulations and costs associated with doing business.
- Would like all FFA's to have National accreditation
- Evidence informed and promising practices are key to successful program model, but they are expensive and the training takes time for these models and they are specific to groups of children.

### Sub Group Discussion

- Three groups:
  - ITFC/MTFC (TFC)
  - RBS
  - FFA
- Debra advised the need to have a leader in each group that facilitates the group

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- The group will report out their Plan of Action at the December 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting
- Debra to email/call the point of contact and have a conference call regarding purpose and goal of each group.

### Parking Lot items:

- Group Home provider panel—to discuss needs and funding gaps
- Youth panel—to discuss needs and funding gaps
- Social Worker panel—to discuss needs and funding gaps

### Next steps:

- Next meeting on December 18<sup>th</sup> 10AM-3PM in the **PENTHOUSE OB 9 1804**

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### ACTION ITEMS

	Action Item	Person Responsible	Due Date	Status
1	Better define funding by placement type	Debra/Donna/Cora	9/25/12	Complete
2	Review of foster care funds and term	Co Chairs & Fiscal	10/2/12	Completed
3	Cost reports for FFA/GH	Project Manager	10/12/12	Ongoing
4	Data from Wraparound	Caroline Caton	10/12/12	Ongoing
5	Data on Out of State youth/facilities	Sheilah Dupuy	10/12/12	Ongoing
6	Funding Streams identified	Donna, Angie, Kathy	10/26/2012	Ongoing
7	RBS Presentation	Doug, Angie, Megan	11/13/2012	In Process
8	Wrap Presentation	Caroline, Mary Sheppard	11/13/2012	In Process

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### AGREEMENTS

	Agreements Made	Date
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### Ground Rules

- Start and end meetings on time
- Start with the end in mind
- Every meeting will have an agenda and participants will stick to the agenda
- Use parking lot for off topic issues
- All meeting attendees are encouraged to participate in discussions and decisions
- One conversation at a time – no interruptions or side conversations
- Respect others' opinions (seek first to understand)
- Attend all meetings or send a knowledgeable backup
- Be accountable (complete assignments or notify team/project leader)
- Be open minded, flexible, concise, positive
- Don't personalize
- Have fun!